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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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WPIDS (STN), JOIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	YOO, YC. et al., 'BOVINE LACTOFERRIN AND LACTOFERRICIN INHIBIT TUMOR METASTASIS IN MICE.', ADV.EXP.MED.BIOL., (1998), Vol.443, pages 285 to 291, full text, REGISTRY NO.146897-68-9	1-24
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A	ELIASSEN, LT. et al., 'ENHANCED ANTITUMOUR ACTIVITY OF 15-RESIDUE BOVINE LACTOFERRICIN DERIVATIVES CONTAINING BULKY AROMATIC AMINO ACIDS AND LIPOPHILIC N-TERMINAL MODIFICATION.', JOURNAL OF PEPTIDE SCIENCE, (2003), Vol.9, pages 510 to 517, full text, REGISTRY NO.146897-68-9	1-24
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 25, 26
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Claims 25 and 26 involve embodiments concerning methods for treatment of the human body by therapy and thus relate to a subject matter which this International Searching Authority is not required, under the provisions of Article 17(2)(a)(i) of the PCT (continued to extra sheet)
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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and Rule 39.1(iv) of the Regulations under the PCT, to search.

<<Scope of search>>

Claims 1, 12, 13 and 23 relate to a medicine for enhancing the cytotoxic activity of antibody drug in the antibody therapy for cancer, wherein a "lactoferrin hydrolyzate that can be obtained by hydrolysis of lactoferrin with the use of a hydrolase" and "that in the antibody therapy for cancer, has the efficacy of enhancing the cytotoxic activity of antibody drug" is contained as an active ingredient. In this connection, as the composition of hydrolyzate obtained by hydrolysis of lactoferrin can be various depending on the type of hydrolase, hydrolysis conditions, etc., it appears that a large variety of compositions are comprehended in the above "lactoferrin hydrolyzate". However, only the hydrolyzate obtained by hydrolysis under specified conditions with the use of pepsin being a particular hydrolase is fully supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and fully disclosed therein within the meaning of PCT Article 5.

On the other hand, claims 8, 12, 20 and 24 relate to a medicine for enhancing the cytotoxic activity of antibody drug in the antibody therapy for cancer, wherein one type or two or more types of peptides satisfying any of the requirements (a) to (d) are contained as an active ingredient. In this connection, it appears that the peptides satisfying any of the requirements (a) to (d) cover various peptides having differentiated lengths and sequence patterns. However, only employment of mixtures containing extremely limited peptides obtained by hydrolysis of lactoferrin under specified conditions, namely, peptides of SEQ ID NOS. 2 and 3 is fully supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and fully disclosed therein within the meaning of PCT Article 5.

Therefore, search on claims 1-24 has been substantially restricted to the interaction between lactoferrin hydrolyzate and antibody and/or complement and to medicines for enhancing the cytotoxic activity of antibody drug in the antibody therapy for cancer, wherein a peptide of 25 or 26 sequential amino acid length composed of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2 or 3 is contained as an active ingredient.